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The 1952 coal tar production is scheduled to total 99,753 tons, of which 90,067 tons are to be produced by the East German gasworks, and 9,686 tons are to be produced by the Zwickau coking plants. The 1953 production of the East German gasworks and coking plants is scheduled to be 110,178 tons. *

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The large gasworks in Magdeburg will be expanded. By the beginning of the fourth quarter of 1952 the gasworks is scheduled to be enlarged to such an extent that an additional amount of 3,475 tons of hard coal can be processed per year. However, it is doubtful whether the planned capacity increase can be achieved as the required materials are being diverted

to the Lauchhammer Plant on a priority basis. **

25X1 Comment. In 1951, Eastern Germany produced 32,000 tons of coal tar and the domestic requirements amounted to about 270,000 tons.

25X1 Comment. A brown coal coking plant is being established in Lauchhammer. It will be of extreme importance for the pig iron production of Eastern Germany, as it will produce blast furnace coke from brown coal.